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Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets was mixed, and ranged from light to good, best into features. Supplies were adequate to ample, with smaller birds in the longest position in the Northeast. In the parts structure, breast items remained in the best position, particularly bone-in breasts. Leg quarter trading was active in the Midwest and parts of the South. All other items were sufficient for the mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/15-05/20/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	55.00-56.00	55.06	18	61.45	33
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.06	50	48.57	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	54.62	32
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.91	14
Denver	61.50	61.46	17	60.78	36
Detroit	43.00	45.58	18	51.31	52
Los Angeles	62.00	61.34	58	59.99	106
New York	53.00-56.00	52.61	33	57.00	70
Philadelphia	47.00-53.00	50.75	8	51.02	25
Pittsburgh	47.50-53.00	52.21	14	55.29	70
St. Louis	45.75-46.00	45.01	21	49.49	48
San Francisco	62.50	61.73	33	64.45	66

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/15/00	Change/Last Wk	05/08/00	05/17/99
636	56.03	0.27	54.76	61.02

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	52.50-54.50	57.27	43
Central	48.00-53.00	51.51	64
West	49.00-67.00	56.65	48

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	56.00-58.00	57.09	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 57.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	
1,194	42.00-59.50	56.33
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:		
ITEM	WTD AVG CENTS PER POUND	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	4,149
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.00	2,110
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.50	621
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	8,910
WINGS	50.00	3,053

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity was moderate to good as the week began. Offerings were at least adequate with smaller sizes remaining in the longest position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was fair to good. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, bone-in breasts were tight and strengthened further and all other items were mostly steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, as good weekend clearances were reported. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were in the best position. Other items were at least sufficient, however, leg quarters were in good shape. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady to fully steady. Regular commitments traded at unchanged prices, new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings fully adequate. Retail demand moderate. Dealers reported moderate weekend clearances. Trade sentiment fully steady on breasts with balance of parts generally steady. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average up 2.38 to 49.16 with the volume reported up 4 percent at 25 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries unchanged to slightly lower into St. Louis, TFEWR in Ohio and unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment steady. Offerings adequate or available for trade needs. Movement into retail channels light to fair, best for features. Food service demand moderate to good over the weekend. Floor stocks well cleared to fully adequate, sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading active on whole breasts and leg quarters, balance of trading light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate supplies. Trade sentiment firm on whole breasts and tenders, steady on the remainder.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and generally best on the heavier sizes. Seller offerings were adequate on the over 3 pound sizes; adequate to ample on the lighter weights. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, whole breasts remained in good balance to tight. Boneless skinless breasts were adequate. Leg items and particularly wings were generally noted as adequate. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.29
NO. OF BOXES	11,677
*6 of 8 plants reporting	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was generally good for the weekend business, however many dealers were cautious in making purchases as this week began. Offerings of bone-in breasts were very difficult to locate and when found were sold at premiums. Other items were about adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to good and many features were noted. Bone-in breasts continued strong and the balance was steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.92	500,160
TENDERLOINS	135	149.24	90,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	67.66	238,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	67.01	112,000
LEGS	30-31	34.15	253,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.33	424,558
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	36.42	136,920
THIGHS	28-29	35.07	117,190
B/S THIGHS	86-87	92.71	46,170
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	59.34	253,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	73,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.02	71,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.11	68,320

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,197	113.00-142.00	120-130	126.67
TENDERLOINS	188	152.00-211.00	-	175.32
BREAST - WITH RIBS	246	49.00-84.00	56-63	62.86
FRONT HALVES	520	43.00-48.00	47-48	47.46
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	325	15.00-17.75	15-16	15.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,529	16.00-18.75	18.25-18.75	17.37
WINGS (WHOLE)	138	37.00-43.00	41-43	40.68
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,006	19.00-38.00	24-25	24.46

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/15	05/11	05/11	05/08	05/04
ALA	3,900	3,893	4.95	3,933	4.97
ARK	5,055	4,780	4.65	4,956	4.76
DELMARVA	2,340	2,316	5.07	2,393	5.06
KY-LA-TN	2,070	2,096	4.30	1,975	4.43
MISS	2,738	2,689	4.94	2,792	5.01
NC	2,600	2,582	5.74	2,504	5.72
TEXAS	2,300	2,326	4.77	2,255	4.83
TOTAL	21,003	20,682	4.91	20,808	4.96
MON	21,003(A)			20,808(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-May 2000 is estimated to be 31,423,000 up 0.64 percent from a week ago and up 6.62 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,224,000, last year 29,473,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,716	125.00-180.00	130-135	135.09
TENDERLOINS	215	145.00-205.00	145-147	171.37
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	75	49.50-51.00	-	50.30
LEGS	87	27.00-34.00	-	27.56
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	528	15.00-18.00	15-17	15.73
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	799	18.00-20.00	19-20	19.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	133	41.00-49.00	43-45	44.55
WINGS (CUT)	492	51.00-72.00	55-57	55.02
DRUMSTICKS	87	25.00-34.00	-	25.72
THIGHS	22	20.00-34.00	-	27.64
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAY 15, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.25 - 34.50	33.02	32.59

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 05/15-05/19/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 160.00	125.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	58.00 - 76.00	61.00 - 66.00
LEGS	29.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 20.00	17.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 36.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	37.00 - 53.00	41.00 - 43.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	76-80
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
DRY PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107-111
ICE PACK	119
HENS OVER 5#	98
DRY PACK	95
ICE PACK	152-166
DUCKS	

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 12-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	-	16.00-16.40	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00		16.03	16.00

857,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.75-15.50	14.00-14.50	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.69	14.25		15.00

440,000 pounds, this includes 80,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-13.25	-	10.00-13.00	12.00-13.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.17		11.45	12.70

1,700,000 pounds, this includes 160,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.50
WTD AVERAGE				12.50

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow to no better than fair with supplies available for sale. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-17 CENTS/LB	10-12	11.38

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 12-MAY-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	12.25-15.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE		20.00	13.10	15.00

183,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	10.75-12.00	14.00	10.50-12.50	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	10.90	14.00	11.15	13.27

2,152,000 pounds, this includes 693,600 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to lower than a week earlier. Buyers were cautious and unaggressive for usually ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Cannerys were usually adequate or available. Market conditions were barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-15	7-10	9.26

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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